

REMARKS

The parent patent application, serial no. 09/475,927 was filed with claims 1-22.

Claim 1 is pending in the present application.

Claims 2-22 have been canceled, without prejudice.

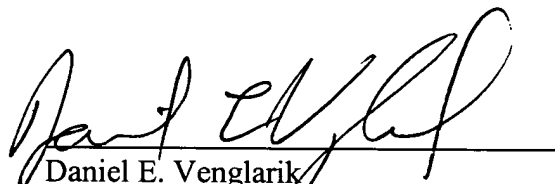
Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting prosecution of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@davismunck.com*

Respectfully submitted,

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